

WELWYN HATFIELD COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING – 23 NOVEMBER 2020

COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 15 QUESTIONS – QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Notice of the following questions has been received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No 15:-

1. Question to the Leader from Councillor Lynn Chesterman

“Can the Leader confirm that this Council has in place a plan to ensure that this winter, through lockdown and the early months of 2021, that no-one shall be left homeless on the Streets of Welwyn Hatfield?”

2. Question to the Leader from Councillor Malcolm Cowan

“I am reliably told that adding in the sites being applied for in Peartree, most of which appear to have got the nod, will bring the total built since 2010 to over 4000. This is more than all the existing homes in Cuffley, Northaw, Brookmans Park and Little Heath put together. All in just a few streets. No new schools have been built, although one is planned, no additional GP facilities have been provided and no public amenity space. Is it not time for a masterplan for the area?”

3. Question to the Leader from Councillor Margaret Birleson

“WHBC, along with East Herts, HCC, St Albans and Stevenage, are members of the Community Reassurance Cell. Taxi drivers have been encouraged to attend online ‘Travel With Confidence’ training earning them accreditation that they can advertise plus they can claim £100 towards the cost of fitting the Perspex screen between passengers and the driver.

Can you please confirm how many drivers licensed with this Council have completed this training and further, how this opportunity was advertised to our drivers?”

4. Question to the Leader from Councillor Lucy Musk

“At a recent HCC scrutiny on the Covid 19 response countywide the CEOs of a number of voluntary organisations bemoaned the fact that their essential services are not included at the start of any emergency plan but have to fill gaps left by the statutory services.

Can you please confirm that WHBC does indeed have an emergency plan and that our vital voluntary sector is part of that plan from day 1?”